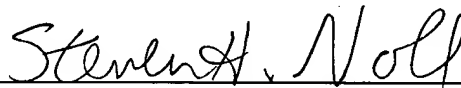


**REMARKS:**

The present Amendment revises the specification, drawings and claims to conform to United States patent practice, before examination of the present PCT application in the United States National Examination  
5 Phase. All of the changes are editorial and no new matter is added thereby. The cancellation of claims 1-16, in favor of new claims 17-32, has been made solely for convenience, since the amount of bracketing and underlining necessary to editorially amend claims 1-16 in order to conform to United States patent practice would have been excessive and  
10 burdensome. The cancellation of claims 1-16 is therefore not intended to be a surrender of any of the subject matter of those claims.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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